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Olympian passes on her know-how

Pam Jowett, 19, won't easily forget Sunday morning — she spent it learning skills from Montreal silver medallist Marion Becker.

Pam, of Edward Avenue, Altona North, was invited to take part in a three-hour javelin coaching clinic run by Mrs. Becker before she left Australia.

Pam, who still holds the under 14, 15, 16 and open javelin records at Altona North High School, is presently running second in the Victorian championships.

Mrs. Becker came to Australia with a West German athletic contingent to compete in the Melbourne Games last week.

She easily won the javelin event. At Montreal, she created a new world record of 65.14 metres, but was beaten for the Gold Medal by Ruth Fuchs, from East Germany, who threw 65.90.

"She was really terrific ... she showed us how to get better distances, how we had been making mistakes in the past," Pam said yesterday.

"She also gave us flexibility exercises we've never seen before. My left arm is quite stiff. But I learnt

a lot about the right way to throw a javelin on Sunday, and I'll be doing a lot of training before the Victorian final in two weeks' time."

Pam competes with the Footscray Athletic

Club, and is coached by former Olympian Ron Carlton. Her top javelin distance so far is 42.50. Pam Jowett (right) is taught the right arm movement by Olympic Silver Medallist Marion Becker.



Day care grant

Altona will receive \$15,000 this year to set up a family day care programme.

The grant has been made by the Department of Social Security, and will include an extra \$7 a week for each child in excess of 35 enrolled.

An initial equipment grant of \$2000 will also be available, the department has told the council.

The day care programme envisaged by the council involves the use of selected private homes instead of a day care centre.

The concept has already been tried, with some success, in Fitzroy and Knox.

The day care centre would be used primarily to look after children of working mothers.

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Baby dead: girl faces trial

A 16-year-old girl had given birth to a baby in Altona, and then placed it in an incinerator, the Coroner's Court was told on Wednesday.

The court was told the girl gave birth in a backyard lavatory while her parents were out shopping.

She wrapped the baby in newspaper, put it in the incinerator, and then tried to burn it, the court was told.

The girl, now 17, a factory worker, was committed for trial on a charge of infanticide.

She pleaded not guilty. Bail was set at \$300 with a similar surety.

The Coroner, Mr. H. W. Pascoe, SM, ordered that

her name and address be withheld.

Mr. Pascoe found that an unnamed male baby died from a haemorrhage and other injuries inflicted by the girl in Altona on September 8, last year.

'TOWN TRIES NEW TACK ON HOSTEL

Williamstown Council will make another bid to gain control of the Wiltana Migrant Hostel in Kororoit Creek Road between Altona and Williamstown.

The Federal Government last year offered the building, last used by refugees from Darwin, to the council for close to \$1 million.

Council replied that it could not afford such an expense, and suggested its use by the Department of Social Welfare for emergency housing.

Now the department has advised that "the property is not considered appropriate to its needs."

Federal administrative services department has asked the council to hurry a decision from the Western Region Commission, which was considering using the hostel.

However, the commission indicated yesterday that its welfare officers have rejected the idea of using the hostel for emergency housing.

IDEAS

"Without exception ... they considered such a concentration of people with problems would be counter-productive and could, in fact, increase the difficulties that such people currently face."

The commission suggests the building be used by the Education Department, "possibly as city accommodation for children from rural areas visiting Melbourne on tour."

Another suggestion has come from the Rev. J. D. Higgs, of the Newport Baptist Church. He asks that the hostel be used as a Baptist school, open to parents and pupils of any religion for day and night classes, cultural and recreational activities, and classes by the Council for Adult Education.

However, at Monday night's first Williams-town Council meeting for the year, councillors agreed that the matter, be

sent for detailed debate to general committee.

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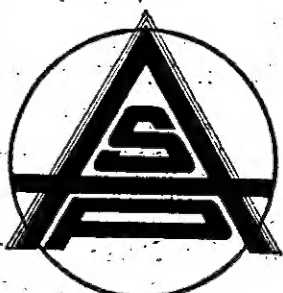
The director of the environment, Mr. Garnet Price, and any interested councillors have been asked to investigate the purchase of the property as an industrial area.

The town clerk elect, Mr. Trevor Sloan, will also make inquiries to see if any loan money would be available for the purpose.

The hostel, a relatively new building with all facilities for group living, was the subject of considerable controversy in the district several years ago.

It was considered by many environment-conscious groups and individuals to be too close to the petroleum refineries, and oil storage tanks.

They felt that anyone living at the hostel faced a potential danger from pollution, and fire or explosion.



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Society pleads...

Williamstown is in danger of being submerged by large-scale developments which will destroy its character, the Newport review panel has been told.

The submission to the inquiry is from the Williamstown Conservation and Planning Society.

It reads: The Newport power station has been a cause of conflict between the

SEC and the Williams-town residents for years. Its river-mouth site was alienated in 1919 to provide for a power station to supply the newly electrified suburban rail network.

At this time the residential character of the area was well established, having been subdivided from the original Hall's farm in 1888.

This station operated between the wars with a circumscribed environmental impact from its dust and fly-ash.

The major problems arose after the SEC acquired the station and added the existing oil and briquette fired units.

The dust problems became much worse, and the entire district was subjected to fly-ash and smut fallout.

Further, as rising living demand for more recreational space, it became clear that there were other uses for the land than as a site for a power station.

It also became evident that the station was not a fitting vista at the end of one of the most attractive foreshore residential areas in Melbourne.

Phase out plan

The city was told in the early 1960s that the SEC planned to phase out the power station.

Understandably, this announcement was welcomed, because it heralded an end to the air pollution problems, and because it seemed that with the projected elimination of the oil wharves

Hearings open to public

The Newport Review Panel began its public hearings of the cases for and against the power station yesterday (Tuesday) at Clunies Ross House in Parkville.

The panel of four is hearing submissions from groups and individuals, and questioning the speakers.

The inquiry will continue today, tomorrow and Friday, between 9.30 am and 5 pm in the auditorium of Clunies Ross House at 191 Royal Parade, Parkville.

at Newport, it would be possible to create a river front park from The Strand foreshore to the mouth of Stony Creek.

The proposal to build the Newport "D" station, meaning that the SEC will continue to occupy the site for at least another 30 years, is incompatible with such a park.

It has been argued that the station site will be attractively landscaped, and that the buildings will be modern and clean-lined.

One fact remains, however. The main building will be 67 metres (220 ft.) high, and the chimney stack close to 200 metres (650 ft.).

A structure of these proportions is completely out of scale with the rest of the area.

The impact of the main building can be gauged from the fact that the existing 67 metres stacks are visible over a wide radius.

The new stack will, of course, dominate the whole municipality.

At present there is a very marked increase in property values in the southern end of the district, even though the average block size is larger, and the houses are newer in the north.

More industrial development in the north will further depress values in Newport.

This valuation gradient already has undesirable side effects, such as excessive municipal and Board of

Works rates in the highly-valued southern parts of the town.

Redevelopment of the river front area as a great deal to improve the amenity of the Newport area, and should redress the valuation imbalance.

Possible alternative land uses for the Newport site have been discussed in detail by Weir (1975), as a model for land use evaluation. Weir points out that the opportunity cost of the site has never been taken into account in considering alternatives to Newport.

Dock conflict

The question of the effect of the Newport "D" station on air quality concerns the whole metropolitan area, and possibly beyond.

As the air will be covered exhaustively by other submissions, we shall do no more than call attention to recent work which suggests that the ingredients of photochemical smog may originate a long way from their final point of detection.

On the other hand, the effects of the hot water discharge from the station, and its interactions with the reclamation of Hobson's Bay, proposed in the Melbourne Harbor Trust's development plans, are a matter of considerable local concern.

It can be seen in the Trust's plans for the extensions to Webb Dock, that the two last stages of the development effectively cut across the cooling pond needed by Newport "D", and provided by the bay in its present open state.

The conservation society has persistently pointed out this conflict since the Trust's plans were first published in 1972, but it has never received a satisfactory answer.

The attention of the panel is drawn to the transcript of the proceedings before the State Development Committee inquiry into port utilisation and development in Victoria (4/10/76).

Clearly we have two major projects competing for the same resource.

This underlines our view that Williamstown is in danger of being submerged by large-scale developments which will destroy its amenity and character.

The water cooling pond between The Strand and the proposed Webb Dock is completely unacceptable, and would probably breach the present EPA guidelines for the Yarra mouth segment of Port Phillip Bay.

Apart from the effect on the small boat anchorage and nearby residential areas due to further weed growth in already weedy waters, The Strand is one of the last significant bird habitats on the lower Yarra, and attracts hundreds of weekend visitors.

It is difficult to see how the conflict between the cooling pond and the dock could be resolved to avoid these ill effects, except by costly works.

These could be a pipeline to carry the hot water out into the open bay, or modification or desisting of the proposed docks.

Since one of the alternative sites could be at Point Gellibrand, with increased noise, dust and traffic through Williamstown as a result, we would oppose such a solution.

It might be opportune to point out here that an earlier attempt at dock development at Point Gellibrand was halted by a Trades Hall Council work ban in 1964, following vigorous protests by local residents.

The costs of resolving the cooling pond conflict should be debited against the Newport site. For example: The extra cost of locating the Webb Dock at Fishermen's Bend has been estimated at \$30-\$40 million (State Development Committee 4/10/76).

Regardless of the other arguments for and against the proposed power station, the society can only regard its siting at Newport as an example of subsidisation of a major project by residents of our older and inner suburbs.

The subsidy comprises environmental degradation which is difficult to cost, and the more tangible depression in property values.

There is plenty of evidence that the residents of these areas are already disadvantaged, and they should not be expected to shoulder costs which ought to be borne by the whole community.

Why no signs about rip?

SIR, — I witnessed the tragic drowning of a 17-year-old lad on Australia Day at Williamstown beach and the agonising despair of his migrant parents.

Radio reports said the boy was caught in a rip. My husband was standing next to the man who first saw the body floating in the water and raised the alarm.

We do not know whether he was caught in a rip, whether he could swim, whether he knew never to try to swim against a rip but to swim across it, whether he got cramp, or whatever.

As someone born and bred in Queensland, I want to know WHY, if the Williamstown beach has a known dangerous area, there are no flags on the beach to show bathers the safe swimming area.

Is it asking too much to have a danger notice on the beach in several languages? My husband, who knows this district well, has told me there have been several drownings at Williamstown.

Let us protect our migrant friends as much as we can, within our power, and not let another life be lost at Williams-

town. The papers are so full of drownings lately, that nobody seems to care any more.

That's one Australian holiday this boy's parents are never likely to forget, as January 31 comes around each year.

N. NATOLI (State Registered Nurse), Medfield Avenue, Avondale Heights.

[Editor's note: The youth was carried by a rip that runs beside a rock groyne near the Williamstown and Newport Angler's Club.]

Marty seemed relieved.

Marty's troubles catch up

Martin Wayne Hughes is his name. He is 17. Just a little chap. He doesn't keep jobs for long. He gets into trouble, all sorts of trouble. And he has been slow to learn from his experience.

In Footscray court — one week before he was sent to a youth training centre for nine months for stealing a motor-cycle with three other mates).

They knocked off the bike about 1.30 am on December 15. Police picked young Marty up on December 17 — and charged him.

And another larceny charge on the bottom of his "form" guide was a Christmas box on the ears.

But it must have slipped his memory fairly quickly because he went out on the town with David and a couple of girls on December 28 and got landed again very smartly.

Williamstown Court was told last Thursday of the new troubles.

The kids hopped into Mrs. Helen Anderson's Holden, which was parked in a Yarraville Street (unlocked), and drove down to Electra Street, Williamstown.

Inevitably, the law was waiting. Senior Detective Kim Walsh stopped the car and quizzed Marty, a simple question about a licence (that he doesn't possess) and then about the car.

So Marty faced Mr. D. Scully SM, on a car-stealing charge.

"We just intended to drive the car around for a while and put it back," Marty told the detective in an interview.

Marty stood impassive as the story of his troubles unfolded and his convictions were read out.

He looked up at Mr. Scully and said simply and well for one who has had little education:

"I apologise, sir. I realise now that it was a very silly thing. I am very sorry about it now, your worship."

Brigadier Wallace Bryant, Salvation Army welfare officer, got into the witness box and gave Mr. Scully his picture of Marty.

Taken from school at second form. Could not cope with the work. Many jobs. One lasted as long as six months. Workless now. Father died last year. Living with mother and family in Durham Road, Sunshine. Relationships good. Contributes when he has job. Communicates well — and realises his own limitations.

The brigadier turned to Mr. Scully: "Despite his formidable record he is not beyond salvation, sir."

"He needs to limit his alcohol and something must be done about his education if he is to cope with life. He badly needs a skill. He has so little to offer now."

The magistrate and the brigadier agreed that a youth-training centre might give him what he needs most.

Mr. Scully didn't lecture Marty. And he spoke quietly as he told the troubled one that he would be in a YTC for three months more than Mr. W. Guy, in Footscray Court, sentenced him to a week before.

Marty seemed relieved.

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Williamstown has a new librarian (above). She is Ms Sue Moore, 26, who was formerly in charge of the Essendon branch of the Moonee Valley Regional Library.

Ms Moore replaces Miss Marie Dowling, who resigned late last year.

She believes her new job will be challenging, in the light of current negotiations for regionalisation of

the Williamstown, Altona and Footscray libraries.

"And, of course, we hope to have the Newport branch library open later this year. Tenders for the work are due to be called," she said yesterday.

They crouch, socks on hands... "like telly"

TWO DO BUST FOR A DRINK

It was 2.10 am, Sergeant John Sheehan glanced around the long main room of the Newport Bowling Club. A box of bottled beer was on the bar counter. He looked behind the counter.

Two men were crouched there. They had woollen socks over their hands — like gloves.

Sgt. Sheehan: "What are you doing on these premises?"

Drunken voice: "Just wanted to get some beer."

Sheehan: "Why are you crouching?"

Voice: "We didn't want you to see us."

Sheehan: "Why have you got socks on your hands?"

Voice: "Saw it on telly... you don't leave prints."

The crouchers turned out to be Paul Williams, 20, contract carpet-layer, of Civic Parade, Altona, and Leslie James Harrison, 22, of Agg Street, Newport — at present out of a job.

They faced Mr. D. Scully, SM, in the Williamstown Court last Thursday

on a charge of entering the premises of the Newport Bowling Club as trespassers with intent to steal.

Williams pleaded guilty, Harrison not guilty.

Mr. Scully convicted them and fined each \$200, in default 20 days' jail, and ordered each to pay \$32 compensation to the club for damage.

Sgt. Sheehan, the regular prosecutor for the Williamstown police, told Mr. Scully that Constable Hans Verschuur went to the club with him on January 18 after a call.

They spoke to a watchman, found a window at the back had been smashed (apparently with a bowling kitty ball), enter-

ed and found and arrested the defendants.

Sgt. Sheehan said that when interviewed later, Williams said he and Harrison broke into the place on the spur of the moment.

They were walking through the park towards the taxi rank, intending to get a taxi to William's home, where he had a flagon of wine.

"I was shaking and needed a drink," said Williams.

They got into the club and had been there only about five to 10 minutes when the police arrived.

In another interview, Harrison told Constable Peter Chidgey: "I didn't know what I was doing."

"I was pretty drunk at the time. It was a spur of the moment."

Mr. Roy Punshon (for Harrison), stressed that

the young men's actions were spontaneous and both were most remorseful.

He said Harrison had always been in good employment until last Christmas. He lived with his mother and father and was one of a family of eight.

George Harper, retired of O'Grady Street, Albert Park, spoke for Williams, who lives with his mother — his father is dead.

Harper said Mrs. Williams worked and Williams had got into some bad company and had been drinking.

Mr. Scully: "Have you cut the drinking right back?"

Williams, a tallish-well-built young man: "Yes, sir."

Mr. Scully gave each defendant time to pay his fine at \$10 a week.

Widow objects to rate rise

SIR, — As one of the residents of Victoria Street, Williamstown, I wish to protest at the 66 per cent increase in my rates this year.

After attending the rally at the town hall on Wednesday, January 26, I procured a Notice of Objection, and lodged it at the town hall, as suggested.

Secondly, I wish to protest at the recent seemingly unnecessary ripping up and narrowing of the footpath in Victoria Street. I consider that repairs could have been carried out where necessary, and that the money (presumably from Government loans), could have been used to much better effect.

One suggestion I have for better council spending, would be to make the rubbish skips available more often, so residents can get rid of rubbish, particularly from the trees which gladden the eye, but which become an unnecessary burden when limbs break off, and so on.

Following my complaint about the renewal of the footpath, I would like to point out that the nature strip in front of my 50 ft. block was badly damaged by the contractors during the footpath work.

Certainly they came along and threw in some soil, apparently to level the ground, but it has effectively ruined the evenness of the strip. It has made it almost impossible for me, a widow, an elderly statistic, to maintain.

I have always taken a pride in my garden and the surrounds of my property, and it is disappointing to say the

least, to find that it cannot be maintained at the previous standard.

I understand that it is the policy of the council to re-seed a nature strip if it has been ruined, but at this time, eight weeks after the construction of the path, nothing has been done. Apparently nothing will be done.

I bought some lawn seed to beautifully the bare area. I sowed the seed, and encouraged it along. But when I received my rate notice for \$344.01, I must confess, I lost a great deal of interest in the nature strip.

Small print

I haven't bothered to improve it, as I had planned.

At this point may I refer to the small print on the back of the rates notices? It says: "Pleasant surroundings for living, recreation or working are appreciated by everyone. Can you assist your council in improving the appearance of your city?"

I would like to make an appointment with the city valuer to examine my home and the number of rooms, just to find out how he valued the property.

I have no personal grudge against him as, from his statement at the rally, I realise he has to "go by the book", but I think ratepayers should get more personal attention from him when he is valuing their properties.

I would suggest that when he is valuing properties in the absence of the occupier, a note could be left in the letterbox advising that he should be contacted to view the property at a mutually convenient time.

Or, a prior notice of his intention to be in the area be circulated so that ratepayers could meet him, and the valuation be discussed.

This, no doubt, would be time-consuming to the valuer, but at least a more pleasant understanding could be reached. After all, as city valuer, would

Letters to the Editor

not this be part of his job?

I feel, too, that it is quite a responsibility for one man, surely the most unpopular man in Williamstown, to have to value properties. I would suggest that if there were two valuers, at least one could be sure that additional thought had gone into this most important aspect of council affairs.

May I also suggest that a prolonged visit by the State Government valuer-general to the very valuable unrated areas in this city be hastened along, in the hope that some reasonable solution to this problem will be found.

At least we ratepayers would have something to look forward to in our wonderful city of Williamstown, which is a delightful place.

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They wed at Kingsville

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Best man was Gary Williams and groomsmen Ian Thompson and Ian Wallace.

Following the ceremony the reception was held at Shirley Park, Altona.

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Pam's Column

Hi Girls!

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I suggest you try the new Spa-Das in bath or under shower. The special aromatic horse chestnut extract in Spa-Das invigorates, and helps improve your complexion. Badesas is another favorite, or Dokti Bath. There is always the perfumed varieties like Tabu, Intimate, Just Musk and Kiki, to name a few. Think twice about these if your skin is sensitive girls, a soak with these could do more harm than good, bringing you out in an itchy rash.

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Ambre Solaire, Piz Buin, Revlon &c. continue on after their sunscreening products and offer you after-sun moisturisers. A lot of time and money is put into studying the skins burning ability, so I imagine these firms know all about our dryness too. Beautiful all over rich lotions, use them often.

With just a sweeping glance along the cosmetic shelves I see Revlon's All-Weather Creme makeup and All-Weather lip moisturiser.

A special offer pack from Cyclax which includes Flower Balm, Milk of Roses and Cleansing Balm. All moisturising lotions. Even your mascara and eye makeup remover is protein enriched.

Coty has the whole original range hydrolyzed protein enriched.

Mary Quant's "More-than-Moisture" face lotion is vaguely tinted with color to keep up that glow of summer.

Light perfumes are easy to wear now on these hot days. Something like Light and Lovely, 4711 Ice Cologne, or Sun Shower by Prince Marchabelli.

I mention this because you are in luck! We all know the budget book is low after holidays — so does Sun Shower.

Would you believe this perfume has been reduced by more than half. Yes, every bottle, every size and the lovely big dusting powder is extra special.

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Needed: centre to help out alcoholics

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Western Region Working Group on Alcohol and Drug Dependence began after the Footscray Welfare Group held a meeting on alcoholism.

The welfare group consists of social and welfare workers and doctors who meet once a month at the Western Region Council.

Each meeting discusses a particular health issue. Ms. Diana Sonenberg became involved in the working group because she is a health planner with the Western Region Health Collective.

It is part of my function to help groups active in the health field," she said.

The working group has about 12 members.

"The Australian Assistance Plan funded a study on alcoholism in the west and the outcome of that was a two-part report.

"We studied that report and its underlying philosophy and the people in the working group pooled ideas and experience.

"We have consulted with appropriate people and ideas were born."



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A public meeting is being called in the Footscray Town Hall on Wednesday, February 16, at 8 p.m. to press for a drug and alcohol detoxification centre and counselling service in the western suburbs.

The meeting is being called by the Western Region Working Group on Alcohol and Drug Dependence which was formed last October.

Just before Christmas, the group presented its proposals to the Hospital and Charities Commission and State and Federal Health Departments.

The proposals will be the subject of submissions to the Hospital and Charities Commission and Mental Health Authority before the end of March.

Working group spokesperson Ms. Diana Sonenberg said that the public meeting was necessary so an interim committee could be elected.

The committee would seek registration with the Hospitals and Charities Commission which was necessary before the submissions could be put.

It's urgent

"Anyone interested can come and we hope a large number will take advantage of the opportunity to have a say," said Ms. Sonenberg. "These facilities are urgently needed."

Ms. Sonenberg said there was a "very pressing" need for detoxification facilities at the Western General Hospital.

"The hospital is not equipped to handle drug and alcohol cases which can be a life and death situation but we as a group cannot make submissions for facilities there."

"The services we want to see provided include counselling, information and education in a setting close to the Western General."

Ms. Sonenberg said the group hoped this service would be more community based than similar facilities available at the Victorian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence in Melbourne.

"We envisage a network of community co-operation and we have contacted police and doctors to tell them about our ideas."

Another facility which the group will press for is a non-medical centre for rehabilitation.

"This will provide counselling and tender loving care for those not needing medical detoxification," said Ms. Sonenberg.

"It would have four or more beds and be staffed by understanding volunteers."

"We hope that other services will radiate from these centres."

Ms. Sonenberg said the detoxification centre would be staffed probably by a social worker interested in the field, a receptionist and a welfare worker who would ideally be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Members of that fellowship have been working with the group.

"No one understands the illness better than those who suffer from it," said Ms. Sonenberg.

Another important function of the centre would be gathering statistics, information and the incidence of alcoholism and drug dependence in the community.

"This area has been generally neglected and there has been no deep study of the problem of alcoholism," said Mrs. Sonenberg.

"If we can determine the extent of its existence then we can know what facilities are necessary."

"We believe that alcohol abuse is reaching epidemic proportions around Australia. It is one of our major health problems."

Although it is not the group's task to suggest ways of running the proposed centres, it hopes that community education will be an important function.

"Driver education is one aspect of this and the public needs to be educated into accepting drug and alcohol abuse as a sickness so there is less stigma attached to having to admit that it is a problem."

Girls' gym under way

The Altona Presbyterian Girls' Gymnasium began its 1977 classes in the church hall, Civic Parade, Altona, on Monday night.

Classes will be held each Monday for the following groups: Under 7, 5.30 pm; 7-9 years, 6.15 pm; 9-12 years, 7 pm; 12-14 years, 8 pm; over 14, 8.45 pm.

Teacher is Mrs. Doris Greenland, and enrolments for all classes will close on Monday, February 28.

lem," said Ms. Sonenberg.

Alcohol particularly had been part of man's culture for many years.

"It's a big commercial money-spinner and is being pushed on people."

"If there was more community understanding of the problems associated with alcohol and drug consumption, those who abuse it might seek help sooner," said Ms. Sonenberg.

As it is now, she said, many people regard Alcoholics Anonymous as being freakish and for a large number of alcoholics, the thought of total abstinence is too much.

"Addicts can't imagine what life would be like without drugs or alcohol," she explained.

Another important function of the group's proposed services would be counselling and support for those affected by the alcoholic and drug addict.

"Families suffer and need help too," said Ms. Sonenberg.

Grants for roadwork

The Country Roads Board had allocated \$30,000 for the reconstruction of part of Douglas Parade in Williamstown.

The work is at the intersection of Hyde Street and Simcock Avenue.

Mr. Alex Knight, MLC for Melbourne West, said yesterday the extra money from the CRB had been made available by the State Government's increase in motor-registration fees.

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Car horns like police siren: fined

A set of horns fitted to a car inspected by police sounded like a police siren when left switched on, Footscray Court was told Thursday.

The horns were the only warning device fitted to the car, the court was told.

Sergeant Vincent Condon, of Kingsville police, said he spoke to Gerry Harris at his house in Virgo Street, Spotswood, about 10 a.m. last November 13.

He asked to inspect Harris' car and found the horn system, which was operated by a switch under the dashboard.

Harris claimed he only turned the horns straight on and off, Sgt. Condon said.

He did not agree with a suggestion by Sgt. Condon that if they were left on they sounded like a police or other warning siren.

Sgt. Condon told the court he tested the horns and this was his impression.

Harris said there was no horn on the car when he bought it, so he fitted the set.

When he inspected the car again a week later a conventional horn had been fitted, Sgt. Condon said.

Mr. W. Guy, SM, fined Harris \$50, or five days' imprisonment.

Water ballet classes

A class to teach synchronised swimming — or water ballet — is being planned at the Footscray indoor pool.

The teacher will be Mrs. Kerry Chund, formerly Kerry Eustace, who has held Australian synchronised swimming championships in solo, duet and teams events.

There will be no tuition fees, only the price of admittance to the pool.

Applicants must be competent swimmers.

The classes will start when it is known how many applicants there will be.

They have been arranged by the Victorian Amateur Swimming Association and inquiries can be made through the secretary of synchronised swimming, D. J. Quinton, 258 Essex Street, West Footscray, phone 68 893.

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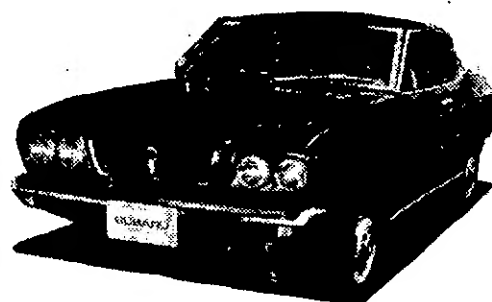
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Regional nursery plan from WRC

Establishment of a regional nursery at Werribee Park Estate has been recommended by the Western Region Commission to member councils.

It is planned the nursery would have a production capacity of well over 100,000 advanced plants a year.

The recommendation will now go to a meeting of town clerks concerned, to which the chairman of the Werribee Park Interim Management Committee will be invited.

The main purpose of the nursery would be to provide advanced and other plants to municipalities and other bodies.

Recommendations, in a report from the commission's parks and gardens committee, include that a manager be appointed early in the planning stages, so he can be familiar with the scheme from the start.

A management committee would be made up from municipalities and other organisations concerned.

This committee would act as a policy-making body and elect from its members an executive group, to which the manager would be responsible.

The commission also decided to write to the Lands Minister, Mr. Borthwick, asking that local government be exempt from plant identification charges.

Royal Botanical Gardens charges imposed by the It will also protest at recent increases in these charges.

WRC MOVES ON JOINT PLANS

A co-ordinating committee will be established within the Western Region Commission.

The committee's job will be to co-ordinate planning in the western region.

It will provide advice to the commission and member councils on planning and co-ordination issues.

Objectives of the committee will include:
●Facilitating co-ordination of planning, works and services between local government, the commission and other organisations and authorities in the region.

●Propose appropriate objectives for the best development of the region.

●Identify and consider major problems and opportunities in planning development of the region.

●Propose solutions or action appropriate to these problems or opportunities.

●Review the likely effects on the region's development of policies, plans or proposals of member councils, Government departments and other organisations.

The committee will

comprise the chief executive officer of each member council, an officer of the Board of Works and the executive secretary of the WRC, Mr. John Thompson.

Meetings will be held every two months, with the venue rotating from the offices of member councils.

It will have no permanent chairman — the officer at whose offices the meeting is held will be chairman.

Pool code comment wanted

The Standards Association of Australia wants pool owners, and people interested in water safety, to comment on the new Australian standard code for the safety of private swimming pools.

Copies of the draft code can be obtained from the SAA office in Melbourne, and any comments should reach the office by May 1, phone 347 7911.

The new code sets out a series of recommendations aimed at making the home swimming pool a safer place.

Ron Carlton at Newport

Former Australian Javelin champion and international athlete, Ron Carlton, has resumed his travelling around Victoria to promote little athletics.

He will be at the Newport Football ground, tomorrow, at 7.30 p.m., where he will hold a general coaching clinic for youngsters.

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A total of 47 members enjoyed the afternoon. Winners were. Women, Mrs. Easton; men, Mr. L. Corbett.

The next card afternoon is in the Manchester Unity Hall, Footscray, at 1.30 p.m. on February 17.

The club lost another member last week, Mr. C. H. Smith, and extends sympathy to his family.

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Young Liberals 'hypocritical'

TO THE EDITOR

SIR, — Pardon my cynicism, but the Gelli-brand Young Liberals' criticism of the anti-unemployed "bludger" attitude (Star/Advertiser, February 2) smacks of hypocrisy.

Why haven't they defended the unemployed up until now?

The answer is found in the Gallup polls showing that a Liberal Federal Government would be defeated if an election were held now.

Hence Mr. McNair and Mr. D'Angelo are practising political opportunism, cold and calculating.

Besides, what would people like this know about experiencing unemployment? How many Young Liberals know its demoralising effects? They can afford to pass comment and change their minds like chameleons.

How many Young Liberals have honestly tried to understand and counsel unemployed youth? (Only the "stirrers" have done this).

Sorry, but they can't free themselves that easily from the taint of Treasurer Lynch.

(The Rev.) WALLACE BARNES, (Methodist Parsonage, Altona).

Rain dampens AWMC bowls

Rain washed out all the pennant matches that the AWMC Bowling Club were involved in on Saturday.

Best scores before play was abandoned:

A4: B. Yates (s), J. Evans, R. Bruce, L. Findlay.

C1: E. Sharp (s), A. Ward, R. Grenville, S. Murrell.

C2: C. Trickey (s), J. lay.

Garnett, R. Hewitt, J. Bartolo.

The club championships were decided last week. Men's single final: B. Yates d. B. Harrison. Pairs: B. Harrison-M. Johnson d. W. Gunn-K. Costello. Mixed pairs: M. Molloy-A. Molloy d. T. Lyons-L. Findlay.

Minister will see quarries

Willy guides to meet

The Williamstown Girl Guides Local Association, will hold its first meeting of the year next Thursday.

It will be in the meeting room at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aitken Street, and will start at 7.30 pm.

The association's president is Mrs. A. Butler, and the secretary is Mrs. P. A. Andrews.

Parents and friends will all be welcome at the meeting.

Bottle club

The Western Antique Bottle Club will hold its first meeting for 1977 at the North Williamstown Primary School on Thursday, February 10, at 7.30 pm.

New members will be welcomed at the meeting, which will discuss collectors' latest finds and information on old Australian bottles.

For further information, 397-5158.

The Minister for Mines, Mr. Balfour, will inspect extractive industries in the western region on February 23.

The Western Region Commission is planning a programme for the inspection.

Mr. Balfour's inspection comes after a study by the commission of extractive industries in the area.

The study was carried out by council engineers, officers of the Mines Department and officers of the Board of Works.

Commission representatives have also had talks with the Mines Department secretary.

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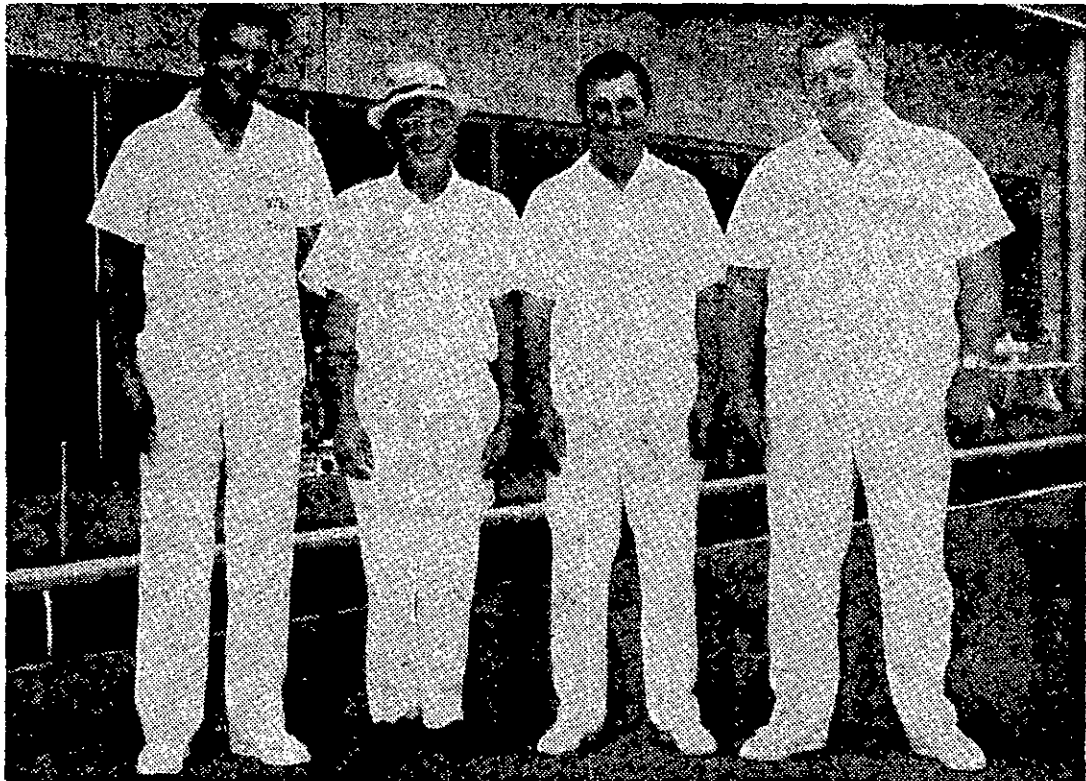
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Bert beats favorite

Bert King caused an upset when he beat favorite, Max Hammond, to win the Newport Bowling Club men's single championship.



Max Hammond, who had won the singles title for the past two years, was expected to beat Bert who had only been bowling for seven years.

However, after an even start, King shot away and at one stage led, 24-15. Although Hammond fought back the gap was too great with King finally winning, 31-25.

A crowd of about 150 watched the final.

WOMEN
Pennant results last round:

A2 lost to Clifton Park, 54-127; B2 lost to Maribyrnong Park, 74-100; C1 lost to Buckley Park, 75-102; C3 lost to Glenroy, 90-105.

Pictured are the four semi-finalists in the club championships: Bert King (club champion), Max Hammond, George Garlick, Des Luckhurst.

Rams hold top in baseball

By 'HOOK'

Newport Rams held their top position in division 1 baseball, with a defeat over Footscray last Wednesday night.

But it was not a confidence-building win; Rams were helped by the loose work of the Footscray infield.

Hits that should have been outs are not good. We are the top dog and as such, should be killers, but we still lack the killer instinct.

Until this is instilled into the team our position is still shaky.

Scores: Newport 11, Footscray 0.

Hits: Newport 8, Footscray 3. Safe Hits: Simpson, Lynch 2, Harris, Comer, Kennedy, McGregor.

UNDER 17
Although the under-17 team recorded a mammoth score, it was due more to Alington's lack of pitching strength than good batting.

There were 23 walks from four pitches used and only seven hits recorded.

Newport 23, Alington 11.

Hits: Newport 7, Alington 8. Errors: Newport 3, Alington 2. Safe Hits: A. Maher, Hudson, 2; W. Marr, A. Bunting, Maiden-hall.

UNDER 15.

The lads put in a dismal game early, specially in the third dig when they gave away runs through wild errors.

Late in the game they settled down and got to within two runs of their opponents.

Until they can concentrate from the first innings they will continue to struggle for success.

Newport 13, Sunshine Eagles 8.

Hits: Newport 10; Eagles 2. Errors: Newport 4, Eagles 8. Safe hits: Pells, McGowan, Mann 2; Portelli h/run; Andresson, Sadlier, Richards.

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Sunday, 1.30 p.m. Division 3 East home to Sandringham. Sunday, 1.30 p.m. Division 3 West home to Coburg. Sunday, 1.30 p.m.

Storms cut short athletics meeting

An athletics meeting at Melbourne University between Footscray and Williamstown Amateur Athletics Club was cancelled after two thirds of the programme had been completed.

The results were decided on points and Williamstown B grade won easily with 54 to Footscray's 29.

Athletes to show were:

Tony Gaggino who won the 100m in 11.3 from Paul Jamieson and Brian Davidson.

Gary Hall leapt 13.64m to win the triple jump. Brian Davidson won the 10m hurdles in 16.3, with Tony Gaggino second in a personal best (pb) time of 16.4.

Greg McKay was second in the 1500m in 4.00.6 with Eero Keranen third in 4.03.4 and Rob McLaren fourth in a pb of 4.13.

Ken McLeod returned a good 15.35.00 for the 3000 m walk.

C grade were having a close tussle with Sunshine at the cancellation, but still managed to retain their unbeaten record.

Williamstown were about nine points in front at the closure.

John Condon won the 3000m walk in 16.19 Shane Dooley won the 100m in 11.5 and the 110m hurdles in 16. Rob Hutcheson ran 4.17.1 for the 1500m and Brendon Dodd won the triple jump, with 11.35m.

D grade are now second on the ladder after a good 58-24 win over MUAC.

Cliff Barling won the 1500m walk in 7.49. Graham Shaw won the 100m in 12.0. Mick Lawrin won the high jump, and Tony Farrar the shot.

Ken McLeod ran a good 4.34 to win the 1500m and Ian McKay won the triple jump with a leap of 10.16m.

Best performances in sub junior A were from Matthew Webster, who ran the 100m in 12.0, Bruce Orchard and Stuart Bazga were second and third in 12.2. Barry McCready recorded a pb of 13.93m in the shot put.

The under 15s were well on the way to winning.

Brendon McKay won the 1500m walk in 10.12.5. Darren Greaves won both the discus (28.86m) and the 100m (13.6). Bernard Webster won the 1500m in 5.12.

Alex Yankos was the club's only under 14 competitor.

He ran the 100m in 13.0 and the 80m hurdles in 15.3. He also broke the club record for the discus, with a throw of 42.34m.

In under 13 (1) two teams members established new club records and one a pb. Garry Stachan broke the 1500m walk record with 8.12 and John Barnett got the club triple jump record with 11.11m.

Paul Lowden's distance of 10.20m in the triple jump was a pb.

John Barnett also threw 30.03m in the discus 1.35m in the high jump and ran 13.8 for the 100m.

Paul Lowden ran the 80m hurdles in 14.4 and

Terry Martin ran 5.15 for the 1500m.

Competing for under 13 (2), Terry did a pb of 10.23m in the triple jump and 1.35m in the high jump. Mark Hughes ran 9.23 for the 1500m walk.

George Lerias threw the discus 20.64m and ran the 100m in 14.4.

Records go at little aths

The weather was changeable during the day, ending in the storm that damaged property throughout the State, but children competing at Altona Little Athletics Centre on Saturday still broke records.

Altona will be host to a visiting team from New South Wales during Easter, and anyone able to help with transport of athletes during the holiday should contact Joy George on 398 1140.

Competition results:

GIRLS' UNDER 7

70 m. (heat 1): C. Tabb (W) 1, A. Thomas (S) 2, K. Sheriffs (A) 3; (heat 2): T. Hartley (AE) 1, J. Donner (AN) 2, K. Green (W) 3.

100 m. (heat 1): C. Tabb (W) 1, A. Thomas (S) 2, K. Sheriffs (A) 3; (heat 2): T. Hartley (AE) 1, S. Schryvers (S) 2, K. Marney (W) 3.

UNDER 8

70 m.: N. Height (W) 1, L. Nicholas (AN) 2, D. Brown (AN) 3.

100 m.: N. Height (W) 1, D. Brown (AN) 2, L. Nicholas (AN) 3.

UNDER 9

800 m. walk: K. Jachno (AN) 1, M. Osbourne (W) 2, J. Knight (W) 3.

100 m. hurdles (heat 1): M. Apap (SM) 1, D. Harrison (A) 2, L. Canavan (SM) 3; (heat 2): A. Jumper (SM) 1, M. Osbourne (W) 2, J. Knight (W) 3.

UNDER 10

100 m. hurdles (heat 1): L. Magnabosco (SM) 1, S. Wilson (W) 2, S. Dimech (S) 3; (heat 2): S. Croxford (W) 1, J. Ferguson (AE) 2, B. Nosek (AE) 3.

UNDER 11

100 m. hurdles (heat 1): H. Crofts (S) 1, J. Smith (S) 2, J. Murfett (W) 3; (heat 2): L. Baker (AN) 1, D. Copland (AE) 2, L. Ferguson (AE) 3.

1500 m. walk: J. Smith (S) 1, J. Murfett (W) 2, L. Baker (AN) 3.

UNDER 12

100 m. hurdles (heat 1): A. Canji (W) 1, J. Daly (W) 2, C. Saunders (AN) 3; (heat 2): S. Lynch 1, C. Osbourne (W) 2, J. Sheriffs (A) 3.

BOYS' UNDER 7

70 m. (heat 1): D. Chetcuti (AN) 1, L. Wenlock (SM) 2, J. Williams (W) 3; (heat 2): S. Stewart (S) 1, W. Ward (S) 2, J. Hatley (S) 3.

100 m. (heat 1): D. Chetcuti (AN) 1, M. Menzies (AN) 2, L. Wenlock (SM) 3; (heat 2): P. Lesley (W) 1, J. Hatley (S) 2, A. Robinson (W) 3.

UNDER 8

100 m. (heat 1): J. Ferguson (W) 1, T. Tomlinson (AN) 2, R. Osbourne (W) 3; (heat 2): A. Kilby (S) 1, G. Daly (W) 2, A. Stephenson (W) 3.

UNDER 9

800 m. (heat 1): G. Edhouse (W) 1, S. Tabb (W) 2, S. Edhouse (W) 3; (heat 2): G. Edhouse (W) 1, E. Polwarth (AN) 2, D. Bryden (S) 3; (heat 3): R. Hyde (W) 1, D. Copland (AE) 2, J. Seid (A) 3.

100 m. hurdle (heat 1): R. O'Sullivan (W) 1, J. McAsey (AN) 2, D. Copland (AE) 3; (heat 2): S. Neuwert (S) 1, D. Benge (A) 2, J. East (AN) 3.

UNDER 10

70 m. (heat 1): R. Bleakley (W) 1, P. Stone (W) 2, D. Green (W) 3; (heat 2): P. Lesley (W) 1, W. Stevenson (AN) 2, T. Plevnik (AN) 3.

100 m. hurdle (heat 1): R. Bleakley (W) 1, R. Devet (SM) 2, D. Green (W) 3; (heat 2): A. Valente (SM) 1, R. Ostrowski (SM) 2, P. Fitzgerald (SM) 3.

UNDER 11

1500 m.: D. Brown (W) 1, P. Menzies (AN) 2, D. Strickland (A) 3.

100 m. hurdle (heat 1): P. Menzies (AN) 1, R. Skinner (W) 2, J. Jumper (SM) 3; (heat 2): L. Strickland (A) 1, M. Weber (AN) 2, S. Empey (AN) 3.

UNDER 12

1500 m.: D. Hyde (W) 1, A. Reed (S) 2, M. Bleakley (W) 3.

100 m. hurdle (heat 1): C. Gilmore (W) 1, D. Hyde (W) 2, R. Shewan (W) 3; (heat 2): A. Reed (S) 1, D. Neuwert (S) 2, M. Green (W) 3.

Willi cricket washed out

Williamstown Cricket Club's match against Croydon at the weekend was declared a washout — to hastily in the opinion of some supporters.

The fixture now be-but many turned up so it comes a one-day match went ahead.

It will be continued next Sunday, during the Thirds' match.

All former Williamstown members are urged to attend, meet their old mates and enjoy the entertainment.

The reunion planned for the club last Sunday was officially cancelled.

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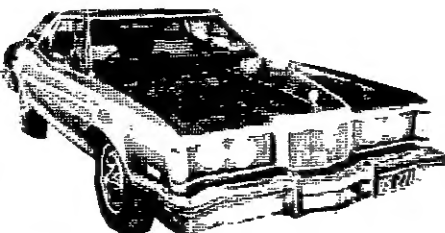
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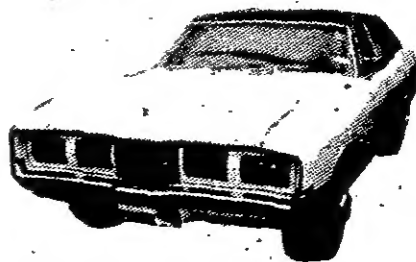
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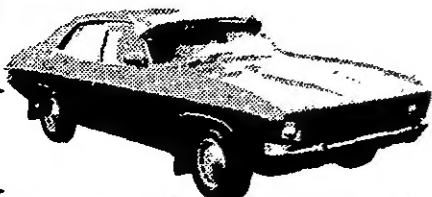
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